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The attached note verbale, dated 15 May 1992, was addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations.

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Annex

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Note verbale dated 15 May 1992 from the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, with reference to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 748 (1992), has the honour to inform him as follows.

Switzerland, a country which is not a member of the United Nations, has taken the following steps.

On 15 April 1992, the Federal Council decided to sever air service between Switzerland and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, which implies the suspension of the three weekly flights of Swissair between Zurich and Tripoli and the two weekly flights of Libyan Arab Airlines on the same route. It also banned the export of aircraft and aircraft components to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the execution of maintenance contracts on Libyan aircraft and the conclusion of new insurance contracts relating thereto. Claims relating to existing insurance contracts must not be met and payments pertaining thereto must be suspended.

Aircraft flying from or to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya are forbidden to use Swiss airspace.

That same day, Switzerland, whose policy since 1955 has always been not to export arms to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, formally banned the export to that country of all supplementary material and equipment, as stipulated in the resolution. The export of goods and the granting of licences, if intended for the production and maintenance of weapons or military equipment, is also forbidden as is technical assistance, support and training related to the export, production or use of such goods for the benefit of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Lastly, Switzerland, which has already in the past imposed a ceiling on the size of the Libyan representation in Geneva, has just decided to expel two members of the Libyan People's Bureau in Berne and has begun discussions with the United Nations concerning the question of a possible reductions in the staff of the Libyan Mission in Geneva.

The Ordinance of the Federal Council of 15 April 1992 concerning the measures against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is annexed hereto.*

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* Copy of the Ordinance of the Federal Council may be consulted in Room S-3545E.